

SUES THE FRISCO FOR BIG DAMAGE

Big Three and Morning Hour Co's at Joplin Claim Ground Ruined

The St. Louis and San Francisco railroad company was sued in circuit court by two mining companies for damages amounting in the aggregate to \$77,700. The plaintiff companies are the Big Three and the Morning Hour, operating property in the southwest part of Joplin.

The complaint of the plaintiff companies is based upon an action of the railroad company in discharging dynamite in drill holes on its right of way, along which is located the mining property owned by the plaintiffs. Cave-ins occurred along the right of way, and for the purpose of making it safe the company drilled three holes into the ground and loaded them up with powder and set them off.

According to the claims of the plaintiff companies the explosion of these powder charges wrecked their mines by shattering the roots of the drifts and causing a caving, thereby shutting the operators away from the ore faces forever. The Big Three company estimated the profits from which it is barred by this action at \$30,000, and adds \$2700, which was expended in trying to make the ground safe. The Morning Hour company didn't spend any money in trying to redeem the ground, and estimates its loss profits at \$45,000.

Wrecking of Trains Done Maliciously

L. N. Bassett, superintendent of Frisco terminals here, has completed his investigation as to the cause of the head-on collision of east bound extra No. 661 and a runaway engine near this city last Monday night. His report states that "locomotive No. 1239, standing at the round house, was slowly moved through the north side yards a distance of 1010 feet, coupled to a string of ten box cars, the throttle opened two-thirds, the reverse lever dropped, and the locomotive turned loose maliciously by some person unknown."—Springfield Leader.

Clothes Line Thief.

Friday afternoon a man who gave the name of Richard Robbins, operated for a time in the north east part of town, but soon got into trouble. He would go to the different houses and ask for something to eat or second hand clothing. In most cases the articles would be refused, they did not just suit his ideas. At the Martin home in Westbay park was discovered inside the house and when asked why he was there informed them that he wanted something to eat. He robbed the Calvin boy's clothes line of a suit of underwear. He went to a number of houses and at a number of them made it a point to tell the ladies that he was a mistake.

He called at the home of W. W. Campbell and the talk he put up was not satisfactory to Mrs. Campbell. She called Mr. Campbell who was sleeping upstairs and he was no time in getting into his clothes with the assistance of E. H. Hussey. The man was overtaken and captured and was handed over to the officers.

On being arraigned in Judge Jewett's court he plead guilty to the charge of petit larceny and was given a fine of \$10.00 and 20 days in the county jail.

Miss Mary Vance, of Peirce City, visited in Monett Thursday.

Mr. Logan, of Aurora, visited in Monett this week.

L. P. Withers, of Stones Prairie, was in town Saturday.

The Trinity and Brazos Valley private car went south on No. 5 Saturday morning.

McDowell Mines Ready to Start

Dr. Roberson and wife, of McDowell, were in Cassville Monday visiting relatives and friends. The doctor informed us that the machinery for operating the mine at that place was about ready to start.

This company will mine the lead and jack that was developed at that place some years ago, and a large amount of ore was taken out and shipped to market. Many believe that mineral exists there in paying quantities and we hope to see it developed.—Cassville Democrat.

Silver Medal Contest

A medal contest under the supervision of the W. C. T. U. was held at the M. E. Church South Friday evening. The contestants were Misses Grace Whitlatch, Cecil Goodrum, Pearl Winton, Blanch Clutter, Eunice Horine, Grace Johnson, Lillian Allen, Minnie Richards and Ruth Jarrett. All the young ladies are good speakers and gave their selections well. The medal was awarded Miss Eunice Horine. The other contestants were presented with white carnations.

The church was crowded and all present expressed themselves as well pleased with the entertainment. Beside the recitations there was a splendid program of music and readings. The proceeds are to be used for the W. C. T. U. Fountain Fund.

Stole and Killed Cow for Hide.

George Harp killed a fresh milk cow belonging to B. F. Windes of Washburn, and skinned her, selling the hide to Mr. Davis, the produce man at Schuman.

Harp skipped out at once but was trailed to the Arkansas line by Sheriff Newman and others. Mr. Windes has offered \$50 reward for his arrest.—Cassville Democrat.

Verona News.

From The Advocate
Miss Mary Collins is working as stenographer in W. J. Bailey's real estate office at Monett.

Judge Mathews was in town Saturday for the first time in several months. He is feeling some better at the present time.

Mrs. Mitchell of Billings spent Monday in Verona with her husband, R. J. Mitchell, cashier Farmers Bank. They will move to Verona in the near future.

The fire department has been moved to the Pruente block and rebuilt. It is now controlled by the Verona Commercial Club. Thomas and Pendleton did the work.

Increased In Size.

The Cassville Democrat came out this week in an eight page column form, all home print. Brother Ray says that the change was necessary on account of increased business.

Died.

Mrs. Jennie Fields died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lebow, Friday morning. On Friday evening a short funeral service was held by the Salvation Army after which the remains were taken to Castille, Kan., for interment. Mrs. Fields was 82 years of age and her death was caused by bronchitis.

Chains Engine to Rails

Holton Kan., March 27.—W. W. Huey, sheriff of Pottawatomie county, in attaching the Kansas Southern & Gulf railroad for \$750 taxes, chained the locomotive and half a dozen cars to the rails. Train service on the line has been abandoned.

The road runs from Blaine to Westmoreland, eight miles. The road was built by Kansas capital, but it never paid expenses.

L. W. Badger received a dispatch from Mrs. Badger, at South Solon, Ohio, Saturday that her father had died at 1 o'clock and would be buried Monday.

KINGS PRAIRIE

The wheat is looking green since the rain and warm days. Most all are, doing sowing oats and grass and some oats are up.

The birds are singing, the buds are swelling and the old gobbler is strutting. What better indication do you want that spring is at hand. But Joe is going to keep in touch with his overcoat until the last day. They can't fool him like they did Mr. Tatt on the 4th.

Rev. George Qualls filled his appointment last Sunday and at night Sunday at 11 his subject was "The Different Kingdoms." He delivered a forceful discourse to an attentive audience.

Last Saturday about sundown the fire alarm was turned in, indicating that the house of Mr. Powers, who lives a mile and a half east of Carter's store was on fire. The fire originated over the kitchen. When discovered by the family the room was ablaze in several places among some dry material and one place the blaze was going through the roof, while all were fighting manfully. Inside of 20 minutes ten or twelve of the neighbors had arrived and the fire was soon under control. In a few minutes longer the building would have been destroyed. This speaks in favor of the phone in the country. The loss was small.

We notice in the paper that they are extracting an oil from the cockle burr. This will create a new industry. Joe claims the oil is very penetrating. Joe says he knows it must be for they have penetrated over his field. He has been puzzled how to gather the jaggy thing for market but he has solved that. He turns old Blaze and Fan in with long tails and manes. They come up at night loaded.

Next Friday night, April 2nd the W. C. T. U. of Monett, will hold a medal contest at New Liberty church for the benefit of the cold water fountain at Monett. This is a worthy cause and should be liberally patronized by both old and young. Admission 15 cents.

We are somewhat in arrears with our items. We have been looking for something to turn up. Everyone busy in field and garden and nobody wants to talk about anybody. It took a fire to start us out.

We notice those medal contests that have been held in the county have been quite interesting. Give them a good house next Friday evening.

Miss Hawk of Cassville, who has been teaching the Pleasant Ridge school closed last Friday with an exhibition. The scholars acquitted themselves very creditably on their part. The exercise was interspersed with string music. A sumptuous dinner was served at noon. Some talks were made by the patrons. A large crowd was present.

The revival meeting held by E. R. Strubling at Mt. Joy, near Purdy which closed a few days ago, we are informed was quite successful with five or six additions to the church.

The new blacksmith at Carter's store seems to know the business and is doing a good work.

The fruitologist that predicted all the peaches was killed we think was mistaken. A good many are safe so far.

The scribe that said spring time had come and we could begin to pluck violets should remember that there is one Violet that blooms all winter who might make a minority report against it.

Rev. J. W. Ennis and wife, of Mineral Springs, attended church at New Liberty Sunday night.

J. S. Grimling who lives on the east side is building one of the largest and most convenient barns on the Prairie. Mr. Grimling is one of those progressive German farmers. Also Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Voght and A. Gottas are just completing new barns. Surely the Prairie is on a boom.

JOE.

Knights of Columbus Making Plans for State Convention

Local council No. 698, Knights of Columbus is busy in preparing for the state convention of the organization to be held in Springfield early in May.

The convention will be exclusively a business one, though a banquet will be tendered to the 100 delegates and the deputies and visitors who will be present. The banquet will be served at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Officers will be elected, and discussions and talks will be made for the good of the organization. There will be two delegates from each of the fifty-three councils in the state, as well as a number of district deputies who will attend.—Springfield Republican.

Free Yourself from Superstition

Before you give up to another's superstitious ideas, just stop and think how utterly foolish all superstition is. You know perfectly well that nothing can possibly happen in this world without a cause, and one which is big enough to produce the result.

Say to yourself: "If there is no connection, no force, between the superstition and the effect, how can any result possibly follow?"

People are slaves to superstitious fears just in proportion to their ignorance. Education tends to kill superstition. Did you ever notice how many superstitions youths drop in college? Our universities are graveyards of scores of superstitions and just in proportion as a person becomes educated and enlightened, cultured—as he becomes broader and larger, a complete man or woman, do his superstitions disappear. An absence of superstition is usually an indication of a large, creative mind. Very superstitious people are narrow mentally; although they may have brilliant talents in some directions, yet they are not level headed, and they do not inspire the confidence of people in their judgment and good sense.

Common-sense people may smile at you when you parade your superstitions, but they will think less of you while they are doing it, because their confidence in your good sense, your level-headedness and ability will be shaken.

Everywhere we see people doing little mediocre things, who are capable of doing much greater things, and who would do them but for the fact they are held back, tied down, by the bonds of superstition. They do not dare to act in opposition to any old wife's saying, and their daily lives are ordered by senseless symbols, signs, omens and predictions of fortune-tellers.—Orison Swett Marden, in "Success Magazine."

Child Struck a Torpedo

Mrs. Ella Smith's seven-year-old daughter is suffering from a cut on her cheek as the result of being too familiar with a railway torpedo. A neighbor had given Mrs. Smith some clothing to be made up for her children. She found two torpedoes in the pockets and not knowing what they were gave them to her children to play with. The little girl took one to the yard and hit it with the ax. The explosion cut a gash in her cheek, which it took five stitches to close. All concerned are thankful that the accident did not result more seriously.

A New Novel by Dr. Brady

In the Woman's Home Companion or April is begun a stirring novel by Cyrus Townsend Brady, entitled "Hearts and the Highway." The various installments of the story are to be illustrated by F. C. Yohn. The Reverend Dr. Brady is a typically strenuous American. In addition to writing popular and successful novels and lecturing he is a militant minister of the gospel. He has recently become rector of a large parish in Kansas City, Missouri.

Lawrence County Circuit Court

State vs Charles Branstetter, killing cattle; information filed.

State vs James Martin, burglary and larceny; information filed.

Henry Mollering, admr. vs. St. L. & S. F. Ry. damages; judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$150.

State vs Al Benson, permitting minor to play pool; defendant enters plea of guilty and is fined \$50.

State vs C. L. Lowthorp, false pretense, change of venue, from Greene county; continued to next term.

Henry K. Wall by R. H. Landrum, his curator vs J. W. Coleman et al, to construe will. Court having found in favor of plaintiff at previous terms defendants filed motion for new trial; overruled.

W. W. Calhoun and C. F. Elsey vs Thos. Berry or heirs, to quiet title, trial by court and judgment and decree for plaintiffs.

State vs Lewis Crump, illegal sale of liquor; continued by agreement.

Paul McKinley vs Lawrence County Water Co., account; motion for new trial sustained. Appeal taken.

Myrtle B. Patton et al vs Grace D. McCamish, partition; report of commissioners approved and confirmed.

Sarah J. Ryker et al vs Margaret Cagley, partition; trial by court and decree of partition. Sheriff ordered to sell real estate.

City of Stotts City vs Ben McCullah, disturbing the peace; order to compel Mayor to show cause why appeal should not be granted.

State ex rel N. A. Kelley vs. County Court, certiorari on local option; proceedings dismissed and relator granted appeal to St. Louis Court of Appeals.

State ex rel Ed Ryan vs. County Court, proceedings to mandamus Co. Court to issue dramship license; dismissed and relator granted appeal.

Court adjourned to May 10th.—Lawrence Chieftain

Misses Helen Jerome and Hazel Glassford, of Peirce City visited Miss Geraldine Christopher Saturday.

Miss Agnes Pratt of Joplin, is visiting Miss Edith Bouldin for a few days.

The Senior Class of the high school expects to give a play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," in the near future. The entertainment will be given at the opera house and an admission will be charged.

THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian—Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Endeavor 7:50 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday night. H. D. Hunter, Pastor.

Mechanics Episcopal—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday night. S. F. Stevens, Pastor.

M. E. Church, South—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Senior League 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Thursday night.

First Baptist, J. S. Allen Pastor—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; out-going people's prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Thursday night.

Christian—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock; Endeavor services at 6:30; prayer meeting Thursday night. R. W. Blunt, Pastor.

St. Lawrence Church—Sundays and Holidays services at 10:30 and 7:30 a. m. Evening devotion at 7:30 p. m. Week days, mass at 8:30 a. m. Father Prorok officiates.

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Jumped on Moving Train

One of our Monett boys was brought before Judge Jewett Monday morning charged with jumping on moving cars. He was fined \$1.00 but given a stay of execution due to good behavior.

Will Erect Building.

It has been decided by the officers of the Ozark-Bell Telephone company to erect a modern office building in Springfield this year. It is estimated that the cost of the building and ground will be about \$50,000.

Performed Operation

Dr. A. Jones went to the hospital at Springfield, Sunday, and performed an operation on Mrs. J. Will Smith of Monett. A tumor and appendix was removed and the patient stood the operation as well as could have been expected.

Indian Outbreak.

Colonel Huffman with the state troops is closing in on Crazy Snake and his band of armed Creek Indians in the hills near the North Canadian river seven miles from Henryetta, Oklahoma. The militia reached the Indian Camp Sunday night but found it deserted and the Indians having fled to a more secluded section.

The Creek Chief will be offered a chance to surrender today. If he refuses a battle will result.

Mrs. Harry Davies and Miss Mary Ryan visited in Peirce City Saturday.

Dr. Geo. H. Williamson of Joplin, visited in the city Saturday evening on his way to Mt. Vernon.

Earl Wainwright returned Sunday from the Frisco hospital at Springfield. He is recovering rapidly from the effects of the operation.

The Granby Company is preparing to plant 20 acres of Catalpa trees, in section 17, southeast of town, on the Newtonia road. It is claimed that the Catalpa trees will grow large enough in five years to make cribbing, and in eight years will make mining timbers. Catalpa timbers will not quickly decay and if they "come up to the advertisement," are destined to play an important part in the future of the mining district. The Granby Company will give the matter a thorough test and if the Catalpa comes up to expectations the Company will likely plant a great many of these trees on their lands around Granby.—Granby Miner.

Mrs. J. J. Davis, who has been seriously ill, is improving nicely.

C. C. Miller, passenger train man has been placed on a regular run between here and St. Louis.

F. A. Wightman is building an elegant concrete porch to his residence and is also making a new driveway.

Mrs. Tom Ferguson, of Butterfield, visited Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. S. T. Clutter.

Mrs. Chas Shryock, who had been visiting her mother and other relatives and friends, returned to her home in Alton Monday.

Mrs. Fred Alberts, Mrs. Dr. Clark and Miss Bertha Alberts, of Peirce City, visited Mrs. C. C. Mills Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Roberson returned to her home at Pittsburg, Kan., Sunday, after a weeks visit with Mrs. H. J. Wrightsman.

Mrs. L. Stringer, who has been suffering from a nervous collapse since the death of her son Andy, is reported much better.

Drew Butler who was arrested on our streets last week, was fined \$10 and 30 days in county jail by Judge Jewett.

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